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In re the Application of

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For: NEEDLELESS SYRINGE HAVING AN INJECTOR OF FITTED-TOGETHER

**ELEMENTS** 

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, and after entry of Annexes to the IPER, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

## Please replace claims 4-11 as follows:

- 4. (Amended) The needless syringe as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the groove (31, 41, 41') is straight.
- 5. (Amended) The needless syringe as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the groove is helical.
- 6. (Amended) The needless syringe as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a groove (54) is formed by the convergence of at least two grooves beginning from the upstream face and ending in a single groove towards the downstream face of the element (34).
- 7. (Amended) The syringe as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the groove (31, 41, 41') has a constant cross section.
- 8. (Amended) The syringe as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the groove (53, 54, 55) has an evolving cross section.

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